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1) DEPARTMENT VIEWS PRESENT DEAL AS ECONOMICALLY MOTIVATED SINCE IT IS WITHIN PATTERN CANADIAN/ N. KOREAN TRADE RELATIONS. ACCORDING CANADIAN TRADE STATISTICS, CANADIAN EXPORTS TO NORTH KOREA HAVE CONSISTED ALMOST ENTIRELY OF WHEAT WITH EXPORTS OF 113 THOUSAND METRIC TONS IN 1971 AND 110 THOUSAND TONS IN 1972. FOR PRESENT DEAL, NORTH KOREANS HAD FIRST APPROACHED CANADIAN WHEAT BOARD ASKING FOR WHEAT. WHEAT BOARD OFFERED SUBSTITUTE FLOUR TO EXPEDITE SHIPMENT, SINCE GRAIN ELEVATORS WERE OPERATING AT CAPACITY DUE HEAVY SALES OF WHEAT TO OTHER COUNTRIES.

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BOARD REFERRED KOREANS TO CANADIAN NATIONAL WHEAT MILLERS
ASSOCIATION WHICH CONTRACTED TO SUPPLY 80,000 METRIC TONS
VALUED AT \$11.7 MILLION; OF THIS AMOUNT 26,600 TONS VALUED
AT ABOUT \$4 MILLION WAS ALLOCATED TO MILLING FIRMS WHICH
HAPPENED TO BE US SUBSIDIARIES; THEIR EXCLUSION WOULD
HAVE INVOLVED MAJOR DISLOCATIONS. (NOTE: WHEAT EQUIVALENT
OF 80,000 TONS FLOUR IS 110,000 TONS OF WHEAT.)

2) DEPARTMENT HAS NO INFORMATION ON DATE AND FLAG OF
SHIPMENT. RUSH

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